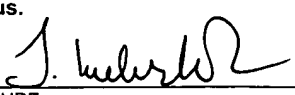


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>  |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>084329-000000US<br>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br>To be assigned <b>107540306</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/AU2003/001699   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>December 19, 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>December 19, 2002  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br>A METHOD OF TREATING A STIFFENED BLOOD VESSEL  |  |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br>Ronald Mark Gillies, et al.   |  |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |  |   |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>   |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Preliminary Examination Report; Express Mail No.: EV529872201</li> </ol>  |  |   |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.55)<br><b>10/540306</b><br>To be assigned  |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/AU2003/001699                            |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br>084329-000000US |    |
| The following fees have been submitted:   |              |   |   | <b>CALCULATIONS    PTO USE ONLY</b>         |    |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee ..... \$300  |              |   |   | \$ 300                                      |    |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$100<br>All other situations..... \$200   |              |   |   | \$ 200                                      |    |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100<br>International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$400<br>All other situations..... \$500  |              |   |   | \$ 400                                      |    |
| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>   |              |   |   | \$ 900                                      |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium).<br>The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.   |              |   |   |   |    |
| Total Sheets  | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE  |   |    |
| - 100 =   | /50 =        |   | x \$250   | \$ 0  |    |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).  |              |   |   | \$  |    |
| CLAIMS  | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE  |   |    |
| Total claims  | 29 - 20 =    | 9   | x \$ 50   | \$ 450                                      |    |
| Independent claims  | 2 - 3 =      | 0   | x \$200   | \$ 0  |    |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)   |              |   | + \$360   | \$ 0  |    |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>  |              |   |   | \$1350                                      |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.  |              |   |   | \$  |    |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>   |              |   |   | \$ 1350                                     |    |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).   |              |   |   | \$  |    |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>   |              |   |   | \$  |    |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property  |              |   |   | \$ 40                                       |    |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>  |              |   |   | \$ 1390                                     |    |
|   |              |   |   | Amount to be refunded:                      | \$ |
|   |              |   |   | Amount to be charged:                       | \$ |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.<br>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>20-1430</u> in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>20-1430</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |              |   |   |   |    |
| <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</b>   |              |   |   |   |    |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br><br>TOWNSEND AND TOWNSEND AND CREW LLP<br>Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor<br>San Francisco, CA 94111-3834   |              |   | <div style="text-align: center;"> <br/>         SIGNATURE       </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>Joe Liebeschuetz</u><br/>         NAME       </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>37.505</u><br/>         REGISTRATION NUMBER       </div> |   |    |